2058 OPINIONS

Farm, Dayton, Ohio), and Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa. This contract covers the construction and completion of water tower complete for Dayton State Hospital, Shaker Farm, Dayton, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of four thousand one hundred seventy dollars (\$4,170.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. You have also furnished evidence to the effect that the consent and approval of the Controlling Board to the expenditure has been obtained as required by Section 12 of House Bill No. 502 of the 87th General Assembly. In addition you have submitted a contract bond, upon which the Southern Surety Company appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

2548.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND PITTS-BURGH-DES MOINES STEEL CO., PITTSBURGH, PA., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TOWER FOR OHIO PENITENTIARY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$7,530.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE SOUTHERN SURETY COMPANY.

Columbus, Ohio, September 5, 1928.

HON. JOHN E. HARPER, Director of Public Welfare, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Welfare (Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio), and Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa. This contract covers the construction and completion of water tower complete for Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of seven thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$7,530.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. You have also furnished evidence to the effect that the consent and approval of the Controlling Board to the expenditure has been obtained as required by Section 12 of House Bill No. 502 of the 87th General Assembly. In addition you have submitted a contract bond, upon which the Southern Surety Company appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

2549.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF MORROW COUNTY, OHIO-\$23,482.50.

COLUMBUUS, OHIO, September 6, 1928.

Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

2550.

GAME REFUGE LEASES—ONE APPROVED—ONE DISAPPROVED.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 6, 1928.

Department of Agriculture, Division of Fish and Game, Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:—This will acknowledge your letter in which you enclosed the following Game Refuge leases, in duplicate, for my approval:

No.	Name						A	cres
1104	Board of Park Commissioners of The Cleveland Metropolitan							
	Park District, Lake and Cuyahoga Counties, Willoughby and							
	Mayfiel	field Townships						1184
1106	Everett E.	Richards	and	August	Richards,	Jackson	County,	

I have examined said leases and find Lease No. 1106 correct as to form and am therefore returning the same with my approval endorsed thereon.

I am returning herewith Lease No. 1104, unapproved, for correction.

Section 8510 of the General Code, requires that a lease of any estate or interest in real property must be signed by the lessor and such signing acknowledged by the lessor in the presence of two witnesses who shall attest the signing and subscribe their names to the attestation. Such signing also must be acknowledged by the lessor before a judge of a court of record in this state, or a clerk thereof, a county auditor,